(b) The institutions that have been assisted for regular training of manpower/resource persons for Science communication are: (i) Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai; (ii) Pondicherry University, Pondicherry; (iii) Science Association of Bengal, Calcutta; (iv) Devi Ahilya Viswavidyalaya, Indore (v) Luckow University, Lucknow (vi) Centre for Development of Imaging Technology, Kerala.

(c) The Department of Science and Technology through the National Science and Technology Enterpreneu. ship Development Board is promoting entrepreneurship among S&T persons through various programmes such as: Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp (EAC), Entrepreneurship Development Training Programme (EDP), Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Park (STEP), Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (STEDS), Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC), Skill Development programmes and incentive schemes.

Threat *to* the functioning of research in the Department of Biotechnology

4007. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the daily Hindu dated the 3rd April, 1995 about the threat to the functioning of research in the Department of Biotechnology because of the tussle between its scientific and adminisrative staff; and

"(b) the steps taken to help the scientists working in the Department of Biotechnology to implement their proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Department of Biotechnology, as per its mandate, supports research and development in biotechnology. The programmes are implemented by academic and research institutions and national laboratories in the country. With the help of the scientists of the Department and Expert Task Forces, reseach and development projects are identified, processed, evaluated and monitored. Continuous efforts have been made to streamline various procedures for expeditious and successful implementation of the programmes in this (field. Further, necessary steps arc also being taken to ensure smooth functioning of the Department to keep pace with the rapid advances taking place in the field of biotechnology all over the world.

Progress in rocket and satellite techno/ogy

4008. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the country in rocket and satellite technology; and

(b) the progress made so far in the-development of cryogenic engines?

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